

Manipulatives for Scaffolding : Literacy - Revised

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1. To Represent Syllables, Words, or Rimes for Phonemic Awareness Activities:

Colored Sheets or Pieces of Foam, Colored “Scrubbies” (rough pads used to clean pans), Colored Card Stock, Colored Popsicle Sticks (non-toxic)

*These may or may not be made to be magnetic

Paint Stirrers with Colored Clothespins, Poker Chips, etc.

Straws to represent “word length”, Magnetic Cookie Sheet with poker chips etc. for phonemes or letter names to demonstrate “Say It and Move It”

2. To Help With Letter Naming and Phonics

a. Laminated Sheets (Mats) with the Alphabet Arc

(Alphabetmats.com for Activities and ABCEDARIAN.ORG for plastic letters)

b. Personal Pocket Charts (Subway Stamp Shop Item# 30357198 @ . 34 cents) with letter cards in pockets. Children make words .

c. Wikki Sticks, Baggies with Hair Gel, Sand Trays, etc.

d. Moose” Game : Place sticks (tongue depressors) in a can. Children take turns choosing a stick and reading what it says or making the sound indicated. One stick has “moose” written on it and whoever gets that stick is the winner.

(Write Upper or Lower Case Letters, Their Names, Phrases, etc. on Tongue Depressors or Popsicle Sticks)

3. Oral Language/Listening Comprehension/Beginning “Writing” Props

a. Mobile for “Describing Hierarchy” (Neuhaus.org for activities)

b. Dice, Cube, Star, Hand (Who, What, Where, When, Why, How) for Questioning, Writing, Speaking

4. Vocabulary

a. “Ask Me About _____” Badges or “Pendants” worn by the children so the child can be asked by custodians, secretaries, etc. about certain words.

b. Place pockets in Front & Back Covers of Books w/ Vocabulary Words (w/ pictures). Teacher gives words to children according to their level. Children each listen for “their word” to be spoken while teacher is reading book. They have to describe their word to the class after the book is read.

c. Word Wall for “Sparkle Words” - Tier Two Words To Emphasize

d. Puppets and/or Felt Pieces that Represent Subject Matter in Books

General: White Boards for each student with Dry Erase Marker tied with string and tape so that the student can easily be pulled aside with a portable "desk". Dry Erase Boards:

www.dryerase.com or 1-800-379-3727 - 8.5 X 11 = \$1.50 each (pack of 30) \$.99 each

Individual Manila Pocket Charts:

Subway Stamp Shop - Product # MN-714RB 1-800-221-9960
4 Pockets – 3 Holes \$.34 each

Letters for Alphabet Arc:

512-301-0899 - \$1.00 per bag (one set, either upper or lower case)